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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Weimar

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1. Prior to 20 February 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Chaussee, Weimar (M 51/J 57), quartered about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 80 soldiers were engaged in close-order drill at squad level in the barracks yard on 14 February. Still other troops held marksmanship practice with rifles on the target ranges in the billeting area. About 80 soldiers were seen receiving physical training on 19 February.

2. Prior to 20 February, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Am Herrenroedchen was vacant. The central section of the installation was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the quarters in that section were lighted after sundown. About 60 soldiers were seen drilling with rifles in the barracks yard on 19 February. The western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered 900 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Intensive rifle and submachine gun drill by squads was observed in the barracks yard on 14 February. From 250 to 300 troops, including about five mortar sections, were seen practicing in the area north of the installation on 14 and 19 February 1952. (2)

3. Prior to 20 February, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Luetzendorfstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 200 soldiers ran over the terrain on 14 February. About 80 soldiers practiced with four small guns in the barracks yard on 19 February. Trucks

in the billeting area. The central section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. About 100 soldiers practiced aiming with rifles in the barracks yard on 14 February. Truck in front of the mess building. The western section of the barracks installation still housed a hospital, but no notable activity was observed in the hospital area.

4. Prior to 20 February, the Mueller Kaserne on Leibniz Allee quartered 800 to 900 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. About 300 to 400 troops organized into groups of from 2 to 40 soldiers were seen conducting a signal-communications exercise in the Weimar-Weichit-Umpferstedt area on 15 February.

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distance that the black epaulets of the troops were bordered by a very dark bluish piping which was only slightly differentiated from the black color of the epaulets. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In addition to the aforementioned unit, the installation quartered a motor transport unit of about 30 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and used the barracks gate on Duererstrasse exclusively. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] the Flieger Kaserne Mohra, [REDACTED] Installation housed numerous major and minor headquarters and staffs, particularly administrative staffs. A headquarters with about 330 men on its staff seemed to be the highest command agency. It was under the command of one General Yakshin (fnu). Other units in the installation included a guard company of about 150 men with black-bordered crimson epaulets; a unit of the SCC of about 500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets; a signal unit of about 120 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets; and an unidentified unit of about 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets. Allegedly, no heavy weapons were stationed in the Flieger Kaserne. The troops in the installation seldom received infantry training, but did receive physical training more frequently. No systematic training routine was noticed. Vehicles

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) There seems to have been no change in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne.
- (2) This and previous reports indicate that the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne serves as a processing point of the Army and is only temporarily occupied, while the central section of the installation permanently quarters the 257th Motor Transport Regt and the western section, the unidentified mortar regiment of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Weimar-Mohra.
- (3) The information confirms the Mueller Kaserne as still quartering an army signal unit which, according to periodic estimates, is believed to have regimental strength. Blue-bordered black epaulets which have also been reported from other military posts as the service colors of technical troops belonging to high-echelon headquarters. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the motor pool of the Hq Eighth Gds Army which is also located in the Mueller Kaserne.

- (4) The information on the occupation of the Flieger Kaserne, Weimar-Mohra, has been repeatedly supplied [REDACTED] and is given credence. One General Olerentov Yakshin (fnu) was identified [REDACTED] as chief of the Ration Supply Administration of the 39th Gds Ptz Rifle Div prior to January 1950. At that time, there were rumors on the general's forthcoming reassignment. In April 1950, [REDACTED] identified Yakshin in conjunction with the Ration Supply Administration of the Eighth Gds Army. [REDACTED]

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